GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1822
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2001
APPROVAL TO FAST TRACK AND MEGA POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the progress of fast track/mega power projects approved during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of progress made in this regard, project-wise;

(c) the details of policy changes under the consideration of the Government; and

(d) the details of new mega power project proposals under the consideration of the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : Details of the private power projects which have been extended counter guarantee of Government of India during the last three years, are given below :

Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Capacity (MW)	Date of counter guarantee
1.	Bhadravati Thermal Power Project, M/s Central India Power Co. Ltd., Maharashtra	1082	August 1, 1998
2.	Neyveli (Single Unit Lignite based) Thermal Power Project, M/s ST-CMS Electric Co., Tamil Nadu.	250	August 14, 1998
3.	Visakhapatnam Thermal Power Project, M/s. Hinduja National Power Corporation Ltd., Andhra Pradesh.	1040	August 19, 1998

The Bhadravati TPP and the Visakhapatnam TPP are yet to achieve financial closure and start construction activities. The Neyveli TPP has achieved financial closure on November 3, 1999 and commenced construction activities.

Government of India approved extension of counter guarantee, through the revised procedure for the 500 MW Ib Valley Thermal Power Project in Orissa of M/s. AES Ib Valley Corporation and the 1013.2 MW Mangalore Thermal Power Project in Karnataka of M/s. Mangalore Power Company Ltd. The draft counter guarantee and tripartite agreement documents in respect of these two projects have been forwarded to the respective State Governments for comments/necessary action. Further action for extending counter guarantee for these two projects will be taken after necessary action is taken by the concerned State Governments for adherence to the terms and conditions for extension of the counter guarantee of the Government of India.

The details of the mega power projects, as per the revised mega power policy of the Government of India of November, 1998, indicating their executing agency, installed capacity and the present status are given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d) : The Government have not accorded mega power project status of any project other than those indicated in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1822 FOR 8.3.2001.

Sl.
No.
Name of the Project/State
Capacity

(MW)
Present Status
Private Sector

1.
Hirma Thermal Power
Project, M/s. Southern
Electric Asia Power Ltd.

(SEAP), Orissa.
3960
Review petition regarding tariff filed by the SEAP is under consideration in Central Electricity Regulatory Commission. PTC has finalised majority of the heads of terms for the Power Purchase Agreement.

2.
Cuddalore Thermal Power
Project, Tamil Nadu.
1000
The Request for Qualification (RFQ) bidders of the project was first issued in February 1999. However, due to problems in availability of land and readiness of Cuddalore Port, the bid opening date was extended indefinitely.

3.
Krishnapatnam Thermal
Power Project, Andhra
Pradesh
1500
The implementation of the project has been held up because Coastal Regulation Zone clearance for the project has not been obtained. This is due to the stay granted by the Andhra Pradesh High Court on the Notification of Ministry of Environment & Forests on the petition of an NGO in the matter of two private power projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh to be executed in the area adjacent to the mega power project land.

4.
Pipavav Thermal Power
Project, Gujarat
2000
The presentation on the RFP process was submitted to CERC on 12.1.2001. Revised RFP document Vol. I covering project capacity, bidding methodology, functional and technical specifications, evaluation criteria and tariff structure was submitted to CERC on 31.1.2001. For Vol.II & Vol.III of RFP document, time extension of 3 months was requested as Payment Security Mechanism and State Support Agreement are yet to be finalised. The next date of hearing is awaited.

5.
Narmada Thermal Power
Project (LNG), Gujarat.
1000
Implementation has not yet been initiated.
Public Sector.

1.
Kahalgaon Thermal Power
Project Stage-II, NTPC,
Bihar.
1500
The scheme with a revised configuration of 2x660 MW, is under examination in CEA for techno-economic clearance. Stage-I environmental clearance for plant/ash dyke is available.

2.
North Karanpura Thermal

Power Project, NTPC,
Bihar
2000
Feasibility studies being carried out by NTPC. Stage-I environmental clearance for plant/ash dyke is available.

3.
Barh Thermal Power
Project Stage-I, NTPC,
Bihar
2000
Detailed Project Report (DPR) with a revised configuration of 3x660 MW, is under examination in CEA for techno-economic clearance. Stage-I environmental clearance for plant/ash dyke is available.

4.
Maithon Thermal Power
Project, Damodar Valley
Corporation
1000
The project is to be set up by a joint venture of DVC and BSES. Revised DPR with all the inputs/clearances tied up in to be submitted by the joint venture company.

5.
Cheyyur Thermal Power
Project, Stage-I, NTPC,
Tamil Nadue.
1500
Clearance from the Coastal Regulation Zone and the Ministry of Environment & Forests is awaited.
6.
Anta CCPP Stage-II,
NTPC, Rajasthan.
1300
Capacity identified under mega power policy is 1300 MW. Being implemented in two stages of 650 MW each. Stage-II cleared by CEA on 21.5.1998 for 650 MW. Beneficiaries are to agree to indicated price of LNG and to their future variation in fuel prices. NIT to be issued.

7.
Auraiya CCPP, NTPC,
Uttar Pradesh.
1300
Capacity identified under mega power policy is 1300 MW. Being implemented in two stages of 650 MW each. Stage-II cleared by CEA on 28.5.1998 for 650 MW. Beneficiaries are to agree to indicated price of LNG and to their future variation in fuel prices. NIT to be issued.

8.
Kawas CCPP Stage-II,
NTPC, Gujarat.
1300
Capacity identified under mega power policy is 1300 MW. Being implemented in two stages of 650 MW each. Stage-II cleared by CEA on 1.5.1998 for 650 MW. Beneficiaries are to agree to indicated price of LNG and to their future variation in fuel prices. NIT to be issued.

9.
Gandhar CCPP Stage-II,
NTPC, Gujarat.
1300
Capacity identified under mega power policy is 1300 MW. Being implemented in two stages of 650 MW each. Stage-II cleared by CEA on 16.10.1998 for 650 MW. Beneficiaries are to agree to indicated price of LNG and to their future variation in fuel prices. NIT to be issued.
10.
Koel Karo HEP, NHPC,
Bihar.
710
The project cost has undergone revision and PIB clearance for the revised cost has been issued on 16.3.1999. CCEA clearance for the project is awaited. Power Purchase Agreement has been

signed with DVC on 31.12.1999.
11.
Chamera HEP Stage-II,
NHPC, Himachal Pradesh
300
CCEA clearance for the project has been accorded on 18.5.1999 and the project is under execution by NHPC.
12.
Teesta HEP Stage-V,
NHPC, Sikkim
510
CCEA clearance for the project has been accorded on 19.5.1999 and the project is under execution by NHPC.
13.
Koldam HEP, NTPC,
Himachal Pradesh.
800
Project originally identified for implementation by NHPC as per mega power policy. Now being implemented by NTPC in accordance with Tripartite Agreement signed between NTPC, Government of Himachal Pradesh and HPSEB on 26.2.2000. CEA`s clearance issued to HPSEB`s transfer in NTPC`s name on 16.5.2000. Technical bids received fro primary consultation work are under evaluation by NTPC.
14.
Parvati HEP Stage-II,
NHPC, Himachal Pradesh.
800
TEC transferred to NHPC on 12.10.1999.